



Frequently Asked Questions on Manhaj : Part 5

Introduction

All Praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, seek His aid and His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our souls and the evils of our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none to misguide and whomsoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah, alone, without any partners and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

This is a summarisation of some of the issues of manhaj that have been subject to contention in the current times. The detailed answers and proofs on all the issues addressed in this series can be found on the articles at Www.SalafiPublications.Com that are related to these matters. This series is aimed at quickly identifying the issues in a brief, yet concise manner, for the benefit of those who may be unaware of these affairs.

Question 9: Why is the Ummah not able to rule by what Allaah has revealed in all of its affairs?

The inability of the Ummah in the present times, to judge by what Allaah has revealed, and to organise itself in accordance with the teachings of the Book and the Sunnah, is because of its sinfulness and disobedience and the emergence and spread of Shirk and Innovation [at alarmingly large levels] within the Ummah, the general populace. Hence, the cause is not the corrupt rulers and governments, fundamentally, it is something that comes before that. All of this is manifestly clear in the Book and the Sunnah and the sayings of the Sahaabah and the Taabi'een and the Salaf after them. It is manifestly clear in the greatest of ways...and hence, there is no excuse for the bid'ahs of Qutb and Banna and Suroor and Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq – there is no excuse for the way has been made clear and it is upon the Ummah to follow. It is manifestly clear in the saying of Allaah in Surah Nur (24):55.

Shaikh Saalih al-Fawzaan stated, "Thus it is necessary for these groups to correct their concepts and understanding, by referring back to the Book and the Sunnah, in order to know the methodology of the Messengers in calling to Allaah. For indeed Allaah - the One free from all imperfections - informed that correct rule and sovereignty, which is the central part of the call of the former jamaa 'ah whom we mentioned, cannot be achieved except after correcting aqeedah, such that all worship is for Allaah alone and worship of everything else is abandoned. Allaah - the Most High - says:

Allaah has promised to those amongst you who truly have Imaan (true faith and belief) and act in obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, that He will grant them rulership upon the earth, just as He granted it to those

before them, and that He will establish their Religion for them and grant them the authority to practice their Religion which He chose and ordered them with. And He will certainly change their situation to one of security, after their fear. Providing that they worship and obey Me, not associating anything else in worship with Me. Then, whoever rejects this favour by disobedience to their Lord - then they are the rebellious transgressors.
Soorah an-Noor 24:55

So these people wish to establish the Islaamic State before purifying the lands of idolatrous beliefs which take the form of worship of the dead, and devotion to the tombs - such as is no different to the worship of al-Laat, al-Uzzaa and the third of them Manaaf, rather it is worse. So they are attempting that which is impossible..." (Introduction to 'Manhaj ul-Anbiyaa' of Shaikh Rabee' bin Haadee).

Thus, the great extremism and exaggeration in the arena of the rulers and rulership that has been entered into the da'wah on account of the ideologies like Qutubism, Bannaawism, Suroorism and the likes, then all of that has caused great imbalance and great deviation – in that it has made the focus of da'wah to be centred around the rulers and rulership and issues of “being organised” and taking part in “collective work” which has no limits and guidelines, and calls to destructive Jihaads (within Muslim countries, between the governments and subjects). All of this has had wicked effects and evil consequences and the unnecessary loss of lives and wasted efforts and toiling over the decades – and refuge is from Allaah.

These deviant and extremist orientations have in turn also led the emergence of the accusations against Ahl us-Sunnah that they are “stooges”, “government-backed”, “pawns”, “paid workers”, “agents” and the likes. All of this when Ahl us-Sunnah rejected their extremism and did not adopt the heresies of Qutb and Bannaa, but rather refuted them, and adhered instead to the methodology of the Prophets in calling to Allaah. So all of this has brought untold damage and destruction to the da'wah and it has led to the demonisation of Ahl us-Sunnah in the eyes of the people and making the general-folk who have been filled with sentiment and emotions by the Political Activists (of Qutubism, Bannaawism, Suroorism and Turaathism) to hate Ahl us-Sunnah and to accuse them of being “government-backed” and “stooges” and “supporting the new world order” and the likes. And there is no doubt that the likes of these affairs (i.e. in these ideas in the minds of people) are what eventually lead to the bloodshed of innocent men and women, with the claim that because they are not with the Kharijite [Qutubite, Suroorite, Bannaawite] Renegades in opposing the corrupt rulers, or “apostate states”, then they must be with the rulers and the state, and they must be pleased with the status-quo and hence, they must be upon disbelief and hence, it is lawful to kill them. And by Allaah, this is what happened in Algeria, when the oppressing, innovating renegades took the lives of many of the Salafi callers and people of knowledge.

Stated Shaikh Abdul-Malik ar-Ramadaanee in this book that is the annoying thorn in the throat of the Innovators, Madaarik un-Nadhar Fis-Siyaasah (pp.357-358, 2nd ed.), in the course of exposing the scandal of the neo-Qutubite, Salman al-Awdah "...Just as they (the revolutionary takfiris of Algeria) had murdered many of the leading scholars, despite the fact that they had no involvement whatsoever with political activity, not even the slightest bit! And as for threatening the Salafi Du'aat with death, then this is only too famous and known to be worthy of mention. And Allaah alone is the One sought for help against what you describe the Algerian Salvation Front with, that it is Salafiyyah, O Salmaan [al-Awdah]!...Indeed they made lawful the blood of those Salafi Du'aat because they did not join the Front and nor did they believe in Hizbiyyah (partisanship). And then many of them were slaughtered until one of them could not even pray Fajr, Maghrib or Ishaah in the mosque out of the fear of being assassinated. A person would not fear the soldiers of the government as he would from the soldiers of the brethren in Islaam!! Until one of them said, "We have become like the Hypocrites in our abandonment of Fajr and Ishaah' in Jamaa'ah!" They (the revolutionary takfiris) prevented them from teaching the religion to the people, and yet others they slaughtered, because they did not participate with them in the slaughtering of the (tribe of) Bu Sulaimaanee and the Salafi Du'aat and Khutubaa' such as Muhammad al-Ameen al-Jalfaawee, and Abbaas Tayyiboon in the city of Bal-Abbaas, and also the Khateeb 'Abdul-Qaadir Mukhtaaree... and there are many others besides them. And to this day, the Salafis keep falling (i.e. are killed) at the hands of those, one after another. And they also killed the women who did not cover themselves up properly, they did this so it would be a lesson to other women!! And likewise those who were employed in state and government bodies (such as customs, tax offices and so on) were threatened with death if they went to their workplaces. And it is also strange that those who worked in the Military in order to fulfil what was called "the national duty" were also killed by this Jamaa'ah (i.e. the revolutionary takfiris) without first being asked to repent (istitaabah), even if they were actually compelled (to work with the Military)...."

Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah said, "And the way, seerah, of the Muslims has never ceased upon this (methodology). They did not declare them (i.e. the Khawarij) to be apostates like those whom as-Siddiq (radiallaahu anhu) fought against. And this despite the command of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) to fight against them, as occurs in the authentic hadiths, and also despite what has been reported about them in the hadeeth of Abu Umaamah, collected by at-Tirmidhi and others [declared Saheeh by al-Albaanee] that they are "the most evil of those who are killed under the sky and how excellent is the one killed by them". Meaning that they are more harmful to the Muslims than others, for there are none which are more harmful to the Muslims than them, neither the Jews and nor the Christians. For they strived to kill every Muslim who did not agree with their view, declaring the blood of the Muslims, their wealth, and the slaying of their children to be lawful, while making takfir of them. And they considered this to be worship, due to their ignorance and their innovation that caused to stray..." Minhaj us-Sunnah 5/248.

And it is for this reason that the Khawaarij are more harmful to Islaam and the Muslims, as textually stated by Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, and it is also for this reason that the books of Sayyid Qutb and Mawdudi and Suroor and Safar al-Hawali and Abu Jahl Ibn Haleemah and all neo-Kharijite Renegades should be rounded up and burnt, for the better good of the Ummah and its future! For it is the likes of these books that - over time – allow the emergence of the likes of these ideas in the minds of the people – such that Satan the Accursed can mobilise them to cause destruction to themselves and to their worldly affairs – the while the Kuffaar sit and watch, while what they desire to see is being performed for them, by the Muslims themselves, without them even lifting a finger! It is for this reason that many of the notables like Shaikh Rabee' and Shaikh Muqbil and others state that revolutions and coups are from the ways of the Infidels in causing destruction to nations and states, and that the Kuffar have infiltrated the likes of Ikhwaan a long time ago and that they strive in order to bring about revolutions in the Muslim lands to destabilise them and bring them to ruin.

Hence, it is necessary for the likes of these books to be destroyed and those who write them and present the heretical teachings (of Qutb and Mawdudi) to be refuted, and exposed and banished, such that the Ummah is freed from their tribulation and is saved from their [Devil's] deception. And it is also necessary **“for these groups to correct their concepts and understanding, by referring back to the Book and the Sunnah, in order to know the methodology of the Messengers in calling to Allaah. For indeed Allaah - the One free from all imperfections - informed that correct rule and sovereignty, which is the central part of the call of the former jamaa 'ah whom we mentioned, cannot be achieved except after correcting aqeedah, such that all worship is for Allaah alone and worship of everything else is abandoned.”**